#### **Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form** 1. Name Historic 1205-1227 North Dallas Street and / common 2. Location street & number 1205-1227 North Dallas Street city, town Baltimore state & zip code Maryland 21205 county 3. Classification Category Ownership Status **Present Use** district public X occupied \_ agriculture museum X private X building(s) \_\_ unoccupied park commercial both X private residence structure work in progress educational \_\_ religious \_\_ site **Public Acquisition** Accessible entertainment \_\_ in process \_\_ government \_\_ object X yes: restricted \_\_ scientific \_ being considered \_\_ transportation \_\_ yes: unrestricted \_\_ industrial \_ not applicable no \_\_ military other: 4. Owner of Property name street & number telephone city, town state & zip code 5. Location of Legal Description courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Land Records liber street & number Clarence Mitchell Courthouse folio city, town **Baltimore** State Maryland 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

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7. Description

Condition		Check One	Check One	
excellent good fair	deteriorated ruins unexposed	unaltered X_altered	X original site moved: date of move:	

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This row of twelve two-story, two-bay wide houses early Italianate-style brick houses with shed roofs and simple wooden bracketed cornices were built in 1872 by Charles Milske, who also built the three-story houses on the west side of Bond St. and the south side of Preston St. in this same block. Most of the houses retain their original brick facades, which have been painted.

The houses are two stories in height, 12' wide and occupy lots 60' deep. Each house is three small rooms deep and there is no back building. The houses are constructed in running bond and were originally painted and possibly striped. Each house has a single hooded chimney located at the rear corner of the house. The shed roofs are capped by a continuous wooden cornice consisting of a prown molding supported by simple grooved scroll-sawn brackets, acting as modillions, set above a plain wooden frieze area. The tall, narrow window and door openings have flat wood lintels and sills. Several of the original 4/4 sash survive. Doorways show a variety of replacement doors and single light transoms. The houses sit on low basements, lit by single and double-light sashes. Each house is reached by two or three concrete steps.

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#### 8. Significance

Period	Area of significance	check one & justify		
prehistoric 1400-1499 1500-1599 1600-1699 1700-1799 X 1800-1899 1900	archeology-prehistoric archeology-historic agriculture X architecture art commerce communications	X community planning conservation economics education engineering exploration industry invention	landscape architecture law literature military music philosophy politics/government	religion science sculpture X social/ humanitarian theatre transportation other: specify
Specific dates	1872	Builder/Architect Charles Milske		

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This simple form of small street house is typical of those built in the 1870s, often in neighborhoods of predominantly three story houses, like Union Square or the nearby Madison Square.

This group of houses is significant as representing a very plain type of small street house that was constructed to serve as rental housing for the working class residents of the area, most of whom were German at the time of construction. The houses were built by Charles Milske, a fairly prolific Baltimore builder, according to a pattern that was quite common to the city's new neighborhoods of the 1870s and 1880s. Builders acquired anywhere from an eighth to a half of a city block and built 14' to 15'-wide three-story houses on the main streets, and smaller, 11' to 13'-wide two-story houses on the narrower streets bisecting the blocks.

In this particular case Milske built three-story, three-bay wide (15'), houses on the west side of Bond St. and the south side of Preston St., which sold for \$2,000 - \$2,300 (with \$60 ground rents) and 12' wide houses on the east side of Dallas St. He sold most of the Dallas St. houses to German-American owner-occupants for \$950 each (with \$25 ground rents). They obtained their mortgages from a variety of local building and loans, including the Low St. Permanent Building and Savings Society, the Baltimore Public Savings and Building Association #1, and the St. James Hall Building and Savings Association. Buyers included August Allbrecht, a paver; Franz Appel, a cigarmaker; Jacob Hubner, a tanner; Peter Kammer, a shoemaker; and George A. Albrecht, a laborer. Other houses sold to local investors like Michael J. Dougherty, who had a plumbing and gas fitting business on S. Broadway; Henry Gettemuller, the owner of a paint shop on Ensor St.; and Robert and Sanders Carr, manufacturers of silver-plated metal and undertaker's trimmings.<sup>1</sup>

Baltimore City Directory of 1875.

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### 9. Major Bibliographic References

Mary Ellen Hayward and Charles Belfoure, *The Baltimore Rowhouse* (New York: Princeton Architectural Press, 1999)

### 10. Geographic Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name

Verbal boundary description and justification

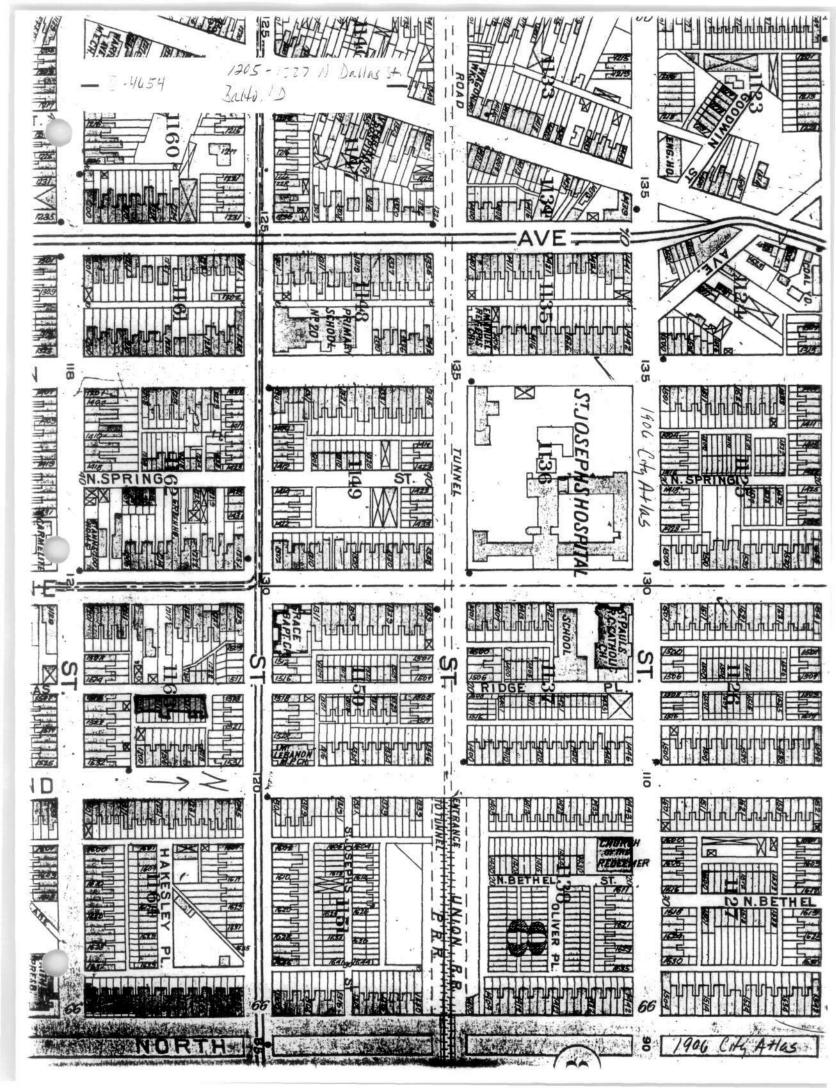
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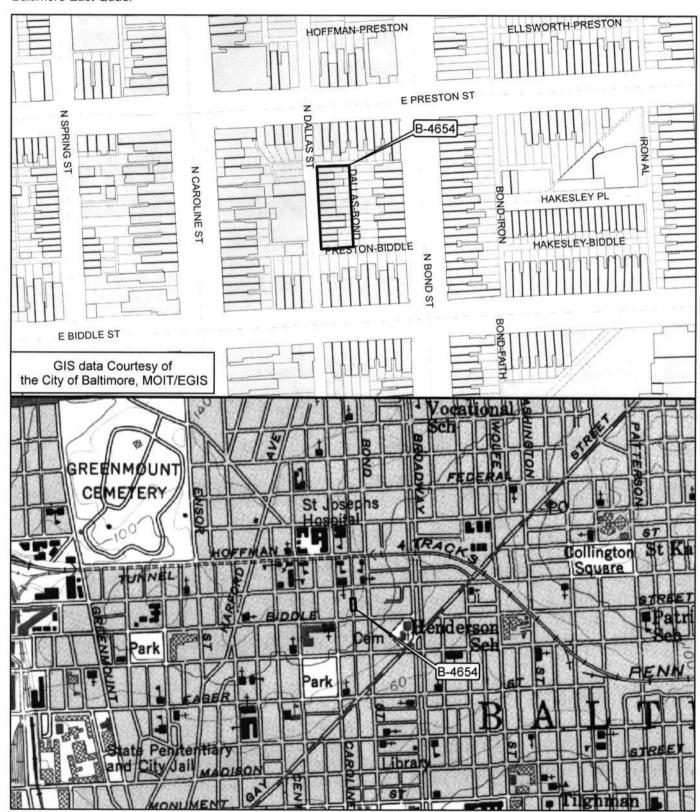
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